



Virginia Green Lodging Profile:



Orchard House Bed&Breakfast & Lovington, VA

Virginia Green Lodging is the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) initiative to promote pollution prevention (P2) practices in the tourism and hospitality industry. **Green Lodging** encourages hotels, resorts, and other hospitality operations to be aware of their impact on the environment and to take steps to reduce these impacts. **Green Lodging** is a non-regulatory program, and participation is completely voluntary and free of charge.

Orchard House

Orchard House Bed and Breakfast in Central Virginia was built in 1874 and it was one of the area's premier apple orchards. Orchard House offers five guest rooms named after apple varieties that best reflect the rooms' unique personalities. Orchard House is committed to environmental excellence and works to minimize environmental impacts whenever possible.



Green Lodging Activities. When visiting Orchard House, you can expect the following practices:

CORE ACTIVITIES for Green Lodging

- ☒ **Optional Linen Service.** Sheets and towels are not automatically changed every day during your stay.
 - Train house cleaners on process of optional linen service
 - Purchase water efficient washers and dryers
 - Use non-phosphate, non-toxic, biodegradable laundry detergents and cleaning products
 - Minimize the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
- ☒ **Recycling and Waste Reduction.** Green Lodging Facilities must provide recycling. Recycling should be highly visible and made available to guests with clear signage. A general commitment to reducing total amount of waste should be made.
 - Recycle: Glass, Aluminum Cans, Grease, Toner Cartridges, Newspaper, Fluorescent Lamps, Batteries, Electronics Equipment
 - Fill reusable shampoo bottles
 - Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items
 - Eliminate use of Styrofoam
 - Non-bleached napkins and coffee filters
 - Provide condiments, cream and sugar in bulk
 - Encourage suppliers to minimize packaging and other waste materials
 - Purchase from vendors and service providers with a commitment to the environment
 - Use two-sided copying and printing
 - Use electronic correspondence and forms
 - Install high efficiency hand dryers
 - Purchase durable furniture and equipment
 - Use latex paint
 - Reuse/recycle/dispose of thinners and solvents properly
 - Use preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
 - Use least toxic materials
 - Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides and use integrated pest management

- ☒ **Water Conservation.** The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping.

- Track overall water usage and waste water
- Preventative maintenance of drips and leaks
- Use dry clean up methods over water-based methods
- Low flow toilets and low flow restrictors on faucets and showerheads
- Effective landscape management plan
- Minimization of impervious areas
- Vegetative buffers around streams and ponds



- ☒ **Energy Conservation.** The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives.

- Track overall energy bills and set a numeric goal to reduce
- Use high efficiency compact fluorescent light bulbs in rooms and spotlights
- Use high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps
- Use ceiling fans
- Use natural lighting
- Purchase EnergyStar computers and appliances
- Use directional lighting in parking lots and walkways

- ☒ **Green Events Package.** The facility must offer a “green” or “environmentally-friendly” package for conferences, meetings and other events. Even if the facility only offers occasional, small events, at least recycling will be provided.

For more information on **Orchard House Bed and Breakfast**, see www.orchardhousebb.com or contact Richard and Deborah Bulissa at innkeeper@orchardhousebb.com.

For more information on **Virginia Green Lodging** program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/lodging.



Virginia Green Lodging program is a supporting partner of **Virginia Green**, the Commonwealth’s campaign to encourage environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia’s tourism industry. Virginia Green is supported through a partnership between the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the Virginia Hospitality & Travel Association, and the Virginia Tourism Corporation.

